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20 January 1970

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, DIAXX4

ATTENTION :

SUBJECT : Ground Truth Exercises at Whiteman or Griffiss Air Force Bases

1. The National Photographic Interpretation Center (NPIC) is presently under contract with [] in an effort to establish what Essential Elements of Information can be obtained from [] Reconnaissance Imagery. This effort is a part of a larger Intelligence Community effort; the primary participants being the United States Air Force (Hose Air Development Center) and Central Intelligence Agency. The effort consists of making overflights of specific facilities of National interest during a five-day period while ground truth teams are concurrently measuring certain parameters within the facility.

2. Whiteman and Griffiss Air Force Bases have been chosen as facilities of National interest; therefore, it is requested that permission be obtained from these organizations to make the overflights and ground measurements. Whiteman has been selected as the primary target and will be overflown if the target is snow covered. Because of the uncertainty of this condition, Griffiss has been selected as a back-up target and will be covered only if snow cover does not exist at Whiteman. Ideally, the overflight will be made during the last two weeks in February 1970; however, the program will remain flexible in an attempt to cover Whiteman with snow cover.

3. The ground truth team will consist of the following individuals:

At Whiteman

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At Griffiss

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4. The points that will require ground measurements are outlined in Attachments 1 and 2. The teams will be making radiometric measurements and taking ground photographs. The point of contact within NPIC will be [REDACTED]. In his absence, [REDACTED] will serve as the contact point. Correspondence should be addressed to: Central Intelligence Agency, Washington, D.C. 20505--with the letter itself directed to [REDACTED] attention.

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5. A reply to this request would be appreciated as soon as practical indicating when this operation can be undertaken.

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Chief, Research & Engineering Division,
TSSG

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Attachments:

1. Ground Measurements Required at Whiteman AFB
2. Ground Measurements Required at Griffiss AFB

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